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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 5802

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF USAID COUNTER-TERRORIST NEEDS - COSTA RICA

FOR A/SY ATTN. ST. MARR FROM RSO MAY

AID FOR AA/SER:AG: CROMER/MILESKE

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 4229, (B) SAN JOSE 5337, (C) TELCON 12/7/76

ST. MARR & RSO MAY

1. ON DEC. 7, 1976, RSO MAY MADE A FOLLOWUP ON-SITE SECURITY INSPECTION OF EMBASSY AND USAID FACILITIES COSTA RICA. THE SECURITY PROBLEMS WITH USAID FACILITIES WERE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN REFTEL (A). THIS WAS A JOINT PROGRAM BY RSO HUGHES AND USAID OFFICIALS. TO DATE, THE FUNDS REQUESTED FOR THESE NECESSARY SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN RECEIVED. USAID FACILITIES ARE IN SAME CONDITION AS REPORTED REFTEL (A). THE TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED WAS \$12,264.50. FOR THE SMALL AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED, ALOT OF SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED. IN FACT A SECURITY SYSTEM OF TOTAL FLOOR SECURITY WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR FIRST TIME IN THIS FACILITY.

2. AT PRESENT THERE IS NO REAL PROPERTY SECURITY OF USAID EQUIPMENT BECAUSE OF HOLLOW CORE DOOR, TRANSCOM OVER DOOR, DROP CEILING, ETC. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN PARA 1.B.3 REFTEL A, WILL CORRECT A LARGE PORTION OF THESE SECURITY PROBLEMS. FURTHER,
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ONCE THESE BARRICADES WALLS, GRILLS ARE

CONSTRUCTED, USAID PLANS TO RELOCATE A RECEPTIONIST-
SECRETARY IN PRESENT HALLWAY AREA NEAR ELEVATORS TO
CONTROL ACCESS ON THE FLOOR (SEE PARA A.2 OF REFTEL A.)

3. RSO MAY DISCUSSED USAID RADIO PROBLEM WITH
CHIEF OF C&R. HE AGREES WITH THE FEASIBILITY OF
PROJECT AND TIE IN WITH EMBASSY NET. RADIOS ARE
NECESSARY AND CAN GREATLY AID IN THE OVERALL USAID
AND MISSION SECURITY SYSTEM COSTA RICA.

4. RSO MAY IS IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH CONTENTS OF
REFTEL (A), 30 AUG 76. POST DID NOT RECEIVE REPLY OR
FUNDS AND REFTEL (B) WAS SENT ON NOV. 9, 76 AND STILL NO REPLY.

5. PLEASE ASSIST IN THIS MATTER AND ADVISE AAO
SAN JOSE AND RSO PANAMA.
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